JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

THE S. C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N # 2002-1H-467-W 25 October 2002

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et. seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the State of South Carolina by

MS. CAROLYN TAYLOR-CRACRAFT 305 DEVINROCK COURT WEST COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29170

for a permit to modify two existing structures and authorize their use in conjunction with a commercial boat storage facility in

LAKE MURRAY

at a location near the intersection of SC Highway 391 and SC Route 634 in Newberry County, South Carolina (Latitude – 32.66938°, Longitude – 80.42488°).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2002

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of modifying two existing commercial structures. Dock "A" as shown on Sheet 3 of 6 consists of an existing 22-foot by 12-foot foundation that supported the former Morris Landing Bait Shop. The applicant plans to construct a 35-foot long by 4-foot wide walkway that connects the existing structure to an H-shaped floating dock. The 52-foot long floating dock will consist of three cross piers that will be spaced 20 feet apart from one another. The proposed structure will extend a total of 87 feet into Lake Murray and the cross piers will extend 20 feet on either side of the walkway. The total width of the proposed structure will be 44 feet wide. According to the applicant, the floating dock and cross piers will provide 8 courtesy boat slips. All of the boat slips will be located between the cross piers.

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Dock "B" as shown on Sheet 5 of 6 consists of a 40-foot long by 4-foot wide walkway that connects to an existing 20-foot long by 10-foot wide floating dock. The applicant plans to construct two L-shaped floating docks on either side of the existing structure. The new floating docks will be approximately 4 feet wide and will extend 17 feet on either side of the existing floating dock. Two additional courtesy boat slips will be located between the floating docks. The proposed docks will not extend any further into Lake Murray than the existing floating dock. The entire floating dock structure will be a total of 54 feet wide.

According to the applicant, they plan to lease approximately 10 parking spaces in a covered boat storage shed that will be constructed on the adjacent uplands. In addition, they may lease as many as 15 additional open parking spaces for boat storage. It is our understanding that they intend to continue operating the existing public boat ramp as a fee based facility. The purpose of this work is to provide courtesy docks for the existing public boat ramp.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards (Section 401 of the Clean Water Act). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S. C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification or the navigable waters permit must submit all comments in writing to the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.02 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

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The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

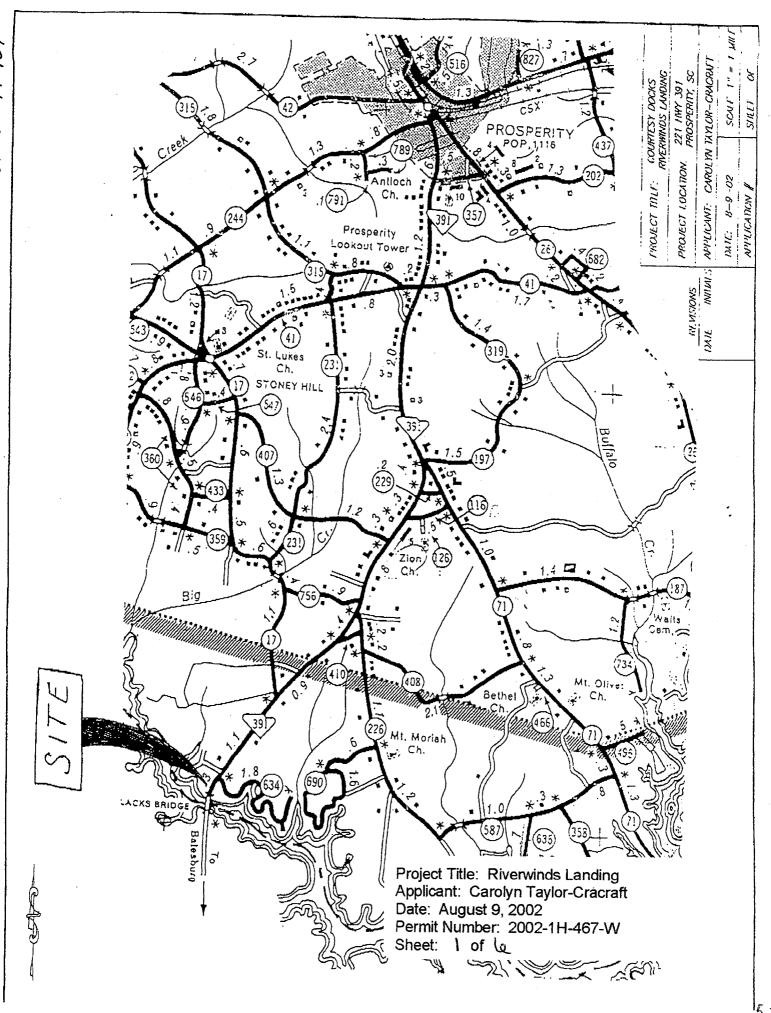
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

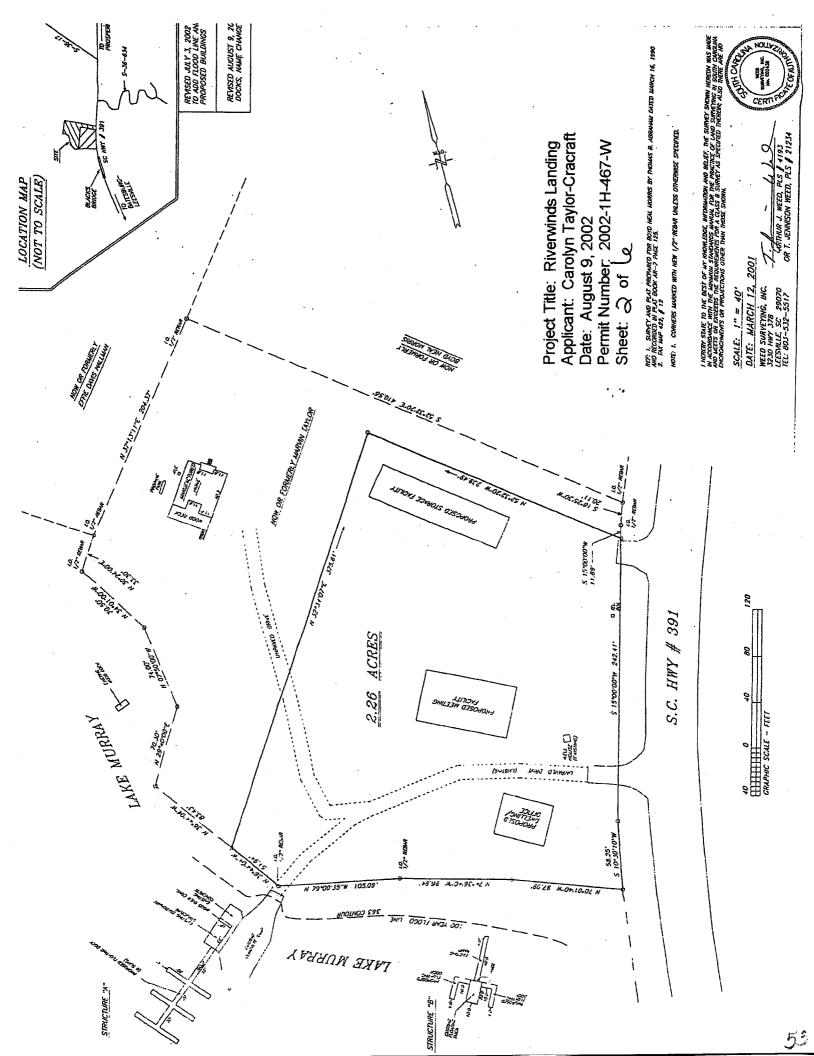
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

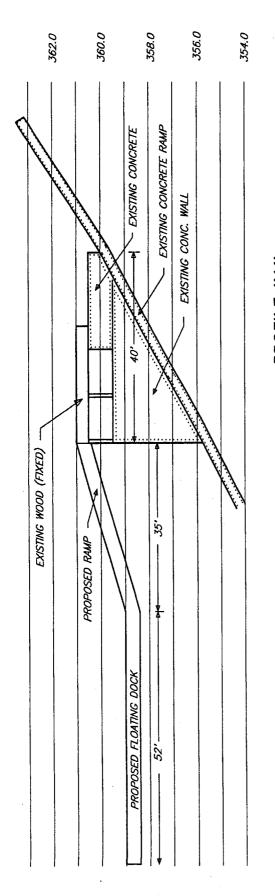
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

Travis G. Hughes
Project Manager
Regulatory Division





			
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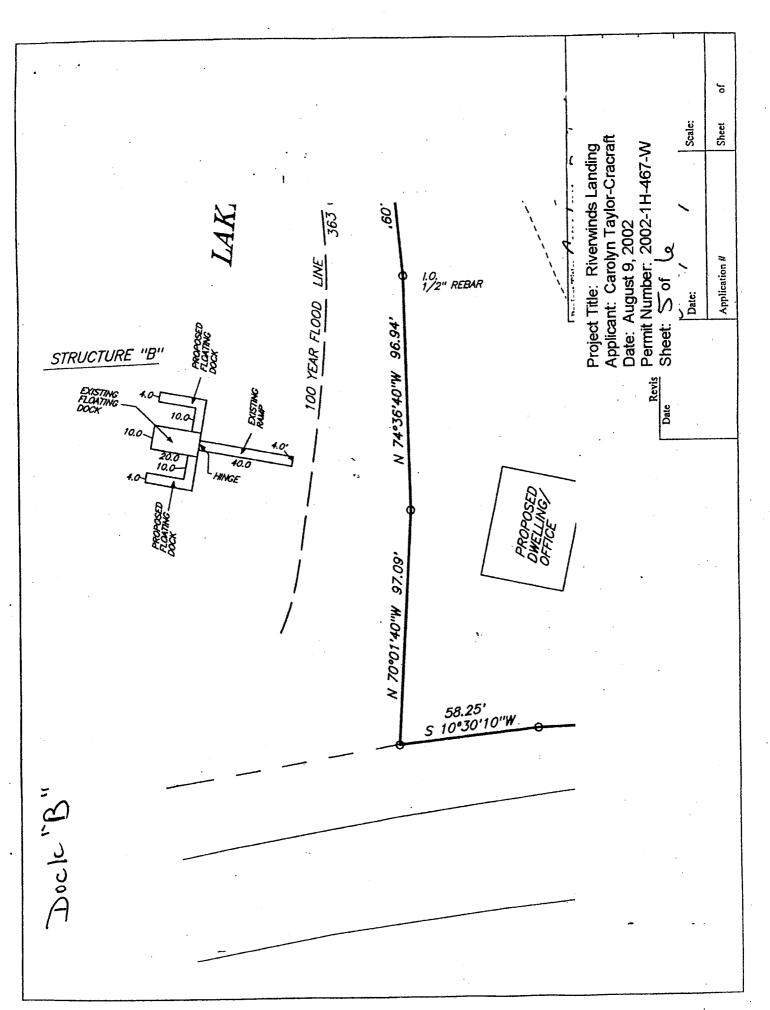
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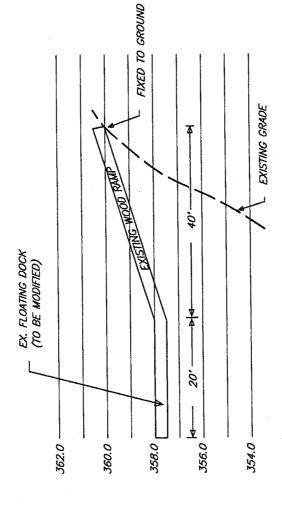
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